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<sup>2</sup> The MIT Alewife machine: architecture and performance

Anant Agarwal, Ricardo Bianchini, David Chaiken, Kirk L. Johnson, David Kranz, John Kubiatowicz, Beng-Hong Lim, Kenneth Mackenzie, Donald Yeung

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Alewife is a multiprocessor architecture that supports up to 512 processing nodes connected over a scalable and cost-effective mesh network at a constant cost per node. The MIT Alewife machine, a prototype implementation of the architecture, demonstrates that a parallel system can be both scalable and programmable. Four mechanisms combine to achieve these goals: software-extended coherent shared memory provides a global, linear address space; integrated message passing allows compiler and operat ...

<sup>3</sup> The MIT Alewife machine: architecture and performance

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Disk-directed I/O for MIMD multiprocessors

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Many scientific applications that run on today's multiprocessors, such as weather forecasting and seismic analysis, are bottlenecked by their file-I/O needs. Even if the multiprocessor is configured with sufficient I/O hardware, the file system software often fails to provide the available bandwidth to the application. Although libraries and enhanced file system interfaces can make a significant improvement, we believe that fundamental changes are needed in the file server software. We prop ...

Keywords: MIMD, collective I/O, disk-directed I/O, file caching, parallel I/O, parallel file system

<sup>5</sup> File server scaling with network-attached secure disks

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By providing direct data transfer between storage and client, network-attached storage devices have the potential to improve scalability for existing distributed file systems (by removing the server as a bottleneck) and bandwidth for new parallel and distributed file systems (through network striping and more efficient data paths). Together, these advantages influence a large enough fraction of the storage market to make commodity network-attached storage feasible. Realizing the technology's ful ...

Prefetching in segmented disk cache for multi-disk systems

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7 The process-flow model: examining I/O performance from the system's point of view

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8 Query evaluation techniques for large databases

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Database management systems will continue to manage large data volumes. Thus, efficient algorithms for accessing and manipulating large sets and sequences will be required to provide acceptable performance. The advent of object-oriented and extensible database systems will not solve this problem. On the contrary, modern data models exacerbate the problem: In order to manipulate large sets of complex objects as efficiently as today's database systems manipulate simple records, query-processi ...

**Keywords**: complex query evaluation plans, dynamic query evaluation plans, extensible database systems, iterators, object-oriented database systems, operator model of parallelization, parallel algorithms, relational database systems, set-matching algorithms, sort-hash duality

9 Input/output behavior of supercomputing applications

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<sup>10</sup> Client-server computing in mobile environments

Jin Jing, Abdelsalam Sumi Helal, Ahmed Elmagarmid

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Recent advances in wireless data networking and portable information appliances have engendered a new paradigm of computing, called mobile computing, in which users carrying portable devices have access to data and information services regardless of their physical location or movement behavior. In the meantime, research addressing information access in mobile environments has proliferated. In this survey, we provide a concrete framework and categorization of the various way ...

**Keywords**: application adaptation, cache invalidation, caching, client/server, data dissemination, disconnected operation, mobile applications, mobile client/server, mobile compuing, mobile data, mobility awareness, survey, system application

Informed prefetching and caching R. H. Patterson, G. A. Gibson, E. Ginting, D. Stodolsky, J. Zelenka

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# 12 RAID-II: a high-bandwidth network file server

A. L. Drapeau, K. W. Shirriff, J. H. Hartman, E. L. Miller, S. Seshan, R. H. Katz, K. Lutz, D. A. Patterson, E. K. Lee, P. M. Chen, G. A. Gibson

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In 1989, the RAID (Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks) group at U. C. Berkeley built a prototype disk array called RAID-I. The bandwidth delivered to clients by RAID-I was severely limited by the memory system bandwidth of the disk array's host workstation. We designed our second prototype, RAID-H, to deliver more of the disk array bandwidth to file server clients. A custom-built crossbar memory system called the XBUS board connects the disks directly to the high-speed network, allowing data ...

# <sup>13</sup> Session summaries from the 17th symposium on operating systems principle (SOSP'99)

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## A cost-benefit scheme for high performance predictive prefetching

Vivekanand Vellanki, Ann L. Chervenak

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# 15 Informed multi-process prefetching and caching

Andrew Tomkins, R. Hugo Patterson, Garth Gibson

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Informed prefetching and caching based on application disclosure of future I/O accesses (hints) can dramatically reduce the execution time of I/O-intensive applications. A recent study showed that, in the context of a single hinting application, prefetching and caching algorithms should adapt to the dynamic load on the disks to obtain the best performance. In this paper, we show how to incorporate adaptivity to disk load into the TIP2 system, which uses cost-benefit analysis to allocate g ...

### <sup>16</sup> Disk cache—miss ratio analysis and design considerations

Alan J. Smith

August 1985 ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS), Volume 3 Issue 3

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The current trend of computer system technology is toward CPUs with rapidly increasing processing power and toward disk drives of rapidly increasing density, but with disk performance increasing very slowly if at all. The implication of these trends is that at some point the processing power of computer systems will be limited by the throughput of the input/output (I/O) system. A solution to this problem, which is described and evaluated in this paper, is disk cache

# 17 Anticipatory scheduling: a disk scheduling framework to overcome deceptive idleness in synchronous I/O

Sitaram Iyer, Peter Druschel

October 2001 ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review , Proceedings of the eighteenth ACM symp sium on perating systems principles, Volume 35 Issue 5

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Disk schedulers in current operating systems are generally work-conserving, i.e., they schedule a request as soon as the previous request has finished. Such schedulers often require multiple outstanding requests from each process to meet system-level goals of performance and quality of service. Unfortunately, many common applications issue disk read requests in a synchronous manner, interspersing successive requests with short periods of computation. The scheduler chooses the next request too ea ...

# 18 ARIMA time series modeling and forecasting for adaptive I/O prefetching

Nancy Tran, Daniel A. Reed

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Bursty application I/O patterns, together with transfer limited storage devices, combine to create a major I/O bottleneck on parallel systems. This paper explores the use of time series models to forecast application I/O request times, then prefetching I/O requests during computation intervals to hide I/O latency. Experimental results with I/O intensive scientific codes show performance improvements compared to standard UNIX prefetching strategies.

Keywords: I/O, access pattern, modeling, prefetching, times series

# 19 Performance isolation: sharing and isolation in shared-memory multiprocessors

Ben Verghese, Anoop Gupta, Mendel Rosenblum October 1998 Proceedings of the eighth international conference on Architectural support for programming languages and operating systems, Volume 33, 32 Issue 11, 5

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Shared-memory multiprocessors (SMPs) are being extensively used as general-purpose servers. The tight coupling of multiple processors, memory, and I/O provides enormous computing power in a single system, and enables the efficient sharing of these resources. The operating systems for these machines (UNIX or Windows NT) provide very few controls for sharing the resources of the system among the active tasks or users. This unconstrained sharing model is a serious limitation for a server because the ...

#### <sup>20</sup> The local disk controller

Gilbert E. Houtekamer

August 1985 ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review, Proceedings of the 1985 ACM SIGMETRICS conference on Measurement and modeling of computer systems,

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The performance of the I/O subsystem in the 370-XA architecture has been improved considerably with the introduction of the new channel subsystem, as compared to the System/370 architecture. The emphasis in the 370-XA architecture is on reducing the CPU load associated with I/O, and on reducing the congestion in multi-CPU, shared systems, by redesigning the channel system. In this paper we will show that a reallocation of the control unit logic may triple the channel subsystem's ...

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21 Phoenix: a low-power fault-tolerant real-time network-attached storage device Anindya Neogi, Ashish Raniwala, Tzi-cker Chiueh

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Phoenix is a real-time network-attached storage device (NASD) that guarantees real-time data delivery to network clients even across single disk failure. The service interfaces that Phoenix provides are best-effort/real-time reads/writes based on unique object identifiers and block offsets. Data retrieval from Phoenix can be serviced in server push or client pull modes. Phoenix's real-time disk subsystem performance results from a standard cycle-based scan-order disk scheduling mechanism. H ...

<sup>22</sup> A prefetching prototype for the parallel file systems on the Paragon

Meenakshi Arunachalam, Alok Choudhary

May 1995

ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review , Proceedings of the 1995 ACM SIGMETRICS joint international conference on Measurement and modeling of computer systems, Volume 23 Issue 1

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<sup>23</sup> RAID: high-performance, reliable secondary storage

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Disk arrays were proposed in the 1980s as a way to use parallelism between multiple disks to improve aggregate I/O performance. Today they appear in the product lines of most major computer manufacturers. This article gives a comprehensive overview of disk arrays and provides a framework in which to organize current and future work. First, the article introduces disk technology and reviews the driving forces that have popularized disk arrays: performance and reliability. It discusses the

Keywords: RAID, disk array, parallel I/O, redundancy, storage, striping

24 The SPIFFI scalable video-on-demand system

Craig S. Freedman, David J. DeWitt

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This paper presents a simulation study of a video-on-demand system. We present video server algorithms for real-time disk scheduling, prefetching, and buffer pool management. The performance of these algorithms is compared against the performance of simpler algorithms such as elevator and round-robin disk scheduling and global LRU buffer pool management. Finally, we show that the SPIFFI video-on-demand system scales nearly linearly as the number of disks, videos, and terminals is increased.

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#### <sup>26</sup> UTLB: a mechanism for address translation on network interfaces

Yuqun Chen, Angelos Bilas, Stefanos N. Damianakis, Cezary Dubnicki, Kai Li

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An important aspect of a high-speed network system is the ability to transfer data directly between the network interface and application buffers. Such a direct data path requires the network interface to "know" the virtual-to-physical address translation of a user buffer, i.e., the physical memory location of the buffer. This paper presents an efficient address translation architecture, User-managed TLB (UTLB), which eliminates system calls and device interrupts from the common co ...

#### <sup>27</sup> Predictive prefetch in the Nemesis multimedia information service

H. Katseff, B. Robinson

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Critical to the success of future multimedia services is the ability to provide fast access to stored information via communications networks. In the Nemesis project, we focus on application control protocols for delivering stored multimedia to a user. We are exploring adaptive rate control schemes that make use of predictive prefetch of information from remote storage servers as a strategy for coping with short-term network congestion. For users with low-end equipment or slow network conne ...

# <sup>28</sup> Active disks: programming model, algorithms and evaluation

Anurag Acharya, Mustafa Uysal, Joel Saltz

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Several application and technology trends indicate that it might be both profitable and feasible to move computation closer to the data that it processes. In this paper, we evaluate Active Disk architectures which integrate significant processing power and memory into a disk drive and allow application-specific code to be downloaded and executed on the data that is being read from (written to) disk. The key idea is to offload bulk of the processing to the diskresident processors and to us ...

#### <sup>29</sup> A dual processor VAX 11/780

George H. Goble, Michael H. Marsh

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This paper describes the design of a dual processor VAX 11/780 built at the Purdue University Electrical Engineering School. It covers the conversion of a standard single processor VAX 11/780 into a dual processor system. A detailed description of hardware modifications performed and a parts list are included. The dual processor VAX is currently running a modified version of the UNIX (Fourth Berkeley Distribution) operating system. Because of licensing restrictions, operating sys ...

#### 30 Special issue on the PAPA 2002 workshop: Disk scheduling policies with lookahead

Alexander Thomasian, Chang Liu

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Advances in magnetic recording technology have resulted in a rapid increase in disk capacities, but improvements in the mechanical characteristics of disks have been quite modest. For example the access time to random disk blocks has decreased by a mere factor of two, while disk capacities have increased by several orders of magnitude. High performance OLTP applications subject disks to a very demanding workload, since they require high access rates to randomly distributed disk blocks and gain I ...

Keywords: LOOK, SATF, SCAN, disk scheduling, scheduling policies with lookahead, simulation

# 31 <u>Video Storage: System support for providing integrated services from networked multimedia storage servers</u>

Ravi Wijayaratne, A. L. Narasimha Reddy

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In this paper, we describe our experience in building an integrated multimedia storage system, Prism. Our current Linux-based implementation of Prism provides three levels of service: deadline guarantees for *periodic* applications, best-effort better response times for *interactive* applications and starvation-free throughput guarantees for *aperiodic* applications. Prism separates resource allocation from resource scheduling. Resource allocation is controlled across the service ...

Keywords: admission control, disk, file systems, multimedia, scheduling

# 32 Design of high performance RAID in real-time system

Peng Cheng, Hai Jin, Jiangling Zhang

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In this paper, we design a high performance RAID (Redundant Arrays of Independent Disks), called HUST\_RAID, in real-time system. First, we give the architecture and the real-time process model of HUST\_RAID. On the study of real-time disk I/O scheduling algorithm, we design a multiple queues real-time I/O scheduling algorithm. A new buffer management policy used in HUST\_RAID is also given. It is the combination of some advanced technologies. We also introduce the design of software of the ...

**Keywords**: I/O scheduling algorithm, RAID, buffer management policy, parallel prefetching and flushing, real time system

### 33 Operating systems: Markov model prediction of I/O requests for scientific applications James Oly, Daniel A. Reed

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Given the increasing performance disparity between processors and storage devices, exploiting knowledge of spatial and temporal I/O requests is critical to achieving high performance, particularly on parallel systems. Although perfect foreknowledge of I/O requests is rarely possible, even estimates of request patterns can potentially yield large performance gains. This paper evaluates Markov models to represent the spatial patterns of I/O requests in scientific codes. The paper also proposes thr ...

Keywords: I/O, Markov model, parallel computing, storage

#### 34 Experiments with digital video playback

Richard Gerber, Ladan Gharai

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In this paper we describe our experiments on digital video applications, concentrating on the static and dynamic tradeoffs involved in video playback. Our results were extracted from a controlled series of 272 tests, which we ran in three stages. In the first stage of 120 tests, we used a simple player-monitor tool to evaluate the effects of various static parameters: compression type, frame size, digitized rate, spatial quality and keyframe distribution. The tests were carried out ...

# 35 The Vesta parallel file system

Peter F. Corbett, Dror G. Feitelson

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The Vesta parallel file system is designed to provide parallel file access to application programs running on multicomputers with parallel I/O subsystems. Vesta uses a new abstraction of files: a file is not a sequence of bytes, but rather it can be partitioned into multiple disjoint sequences that are accessed in parallel. The partitioning—which can also be changed dynamically—reduces the need for

synchronization and coordination during the access. Some control over the layout ...

Keywords: data partitioning, parallel computing, parallel file system

## 36 A survey of commercial parallel processors

Edward Gehringer, Janne Abullarade, Michael H. Gulyn

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